

Caring for the Student with a Tracheostomy and/or Gastrostomy Tube in the School Setting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Mt. Yale/Princeton Conference Room

Children's Hospital Colorado | Anschutz Medical Campus | Conference and Education Center 2nd floor

OVERVIEW, TARGET AUDIENCE AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This program is recommended for nurses who care for children with tracheostomy and/or gastrostomy tubes in the school setting. Didactic training will be provided for both tracheostomies and gastrostomies followed by skill stations. Tracheostomy skills stations will include general tracheostomy care, tie/tube changes, suctioning, emergency bag/trach ventilation, ventilator basics, and emergency simulation. Participants will also rotate through gastrostomy skills stations to include accidental dislodgement, tube care, feeding, venting, giving medications, and troubleshooting. After attending this event, participants will report increased knowledge and intent to change practice related to caring for children in the school setting with tracheostomies, ventilator dependence, and gastrostomy tubes. During this event, participants will demonstrate skill competence with tracheostomies, ventilators, and gastrostomy tubes.

OBJECTIVES

- Describe medical indications for needing a tracheostomy or gastrostomy tube.
- Explore the role of delegation and care coordination and the importance of building resource capacity when caring for children with tracheostomies and gastrostomy tubes in the school setting.
- Demonstrate skills related to tracheostomy care, including daily cares of suctioning, cleaning and tracheostomy tie/tube changes to prevent complications of skin breakdown/infection, plugging and decannulation, emergency ventilation, and the basics of the ventilator operations.
- Demonstrate skills related to gastrostomy tube accidental dislodgement, tube care, feeding, venting, giving medications, and troubleshooting.
- Identify practice changes that nurses can implement in their daily practice when caring for children with a tracheostomy or gastrostomy tubes, including those related to delegation and care coordination.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Registration, attendance, and submission of the **evaluation,** including a written response to questions related to any change in practice that you may make as a result of learning that took place at this program, are required for successful completion and receipt of the certificate of attendance. Claim only those hours you attend.

Children's Hospital Colorado is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This educational offering for 5.75 nursing contact hours is provided by Children's Hospital Colorado.

DISCLOSURE FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Planners, faculty, and others in control of content (either individually or as a group) have no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies.

AGENDA*

- 8:30am Check-in and Light Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome and Instructions
- 9:15 **Tracheostomy: It Takes a Team**
Jessica Dawson, MSN, RN, CPN
Meagan Watton, RRT
- 9:45 **Tracheostomy Complications**
Jessica Dawson, MSN, RN, CPN
- 10:05 **Care Coordination and Delegation**
Erin Bluth, BSN, RN
- 10:35 **Ventilators**
Meagan Watton, RRT
- 11:30 Lunch (provided)
- 12:00pm **Gastrostomy Care and Stoma Preservation in School**
Catherine Doernbrack, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC
- 12:30 **Breakout Sessions**
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 **Breakout Sessions**
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 **Pulling It All Together**
- 4:15 **What Will You Do Differently? Q&A**
- 4:30 Closing and Evaluation

*Program subject to change

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Learners will rotate through the following sessions:

- Breakout A: Emergency Ventilation (Bagging)
- Breakout B: Tracheostomy Care and Changes
- Breakout C: Tracheostomy Suctioning
- Breakout D: G-Tube Care, Stoma Preservation and Medication Administration
- Breakout E: Ventilators

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please visit [Continuing Education at Children's Hospital Colorado](#) to register. Course size is limited to the first 60 participants, so register early! Registration closes Thursday, January 3, 2025. You will receive a confirmation email shortly after completing the registration process.

Registration Fee: \$45

No refunds will be granted for non-attendance, although you may send a substitute. In the event the program is canceled, you will be notified, and a full refund will be given. For further information, contact Nicole Guider amie.guider@childrenscolorado.org.

